Allocation of Natural Gas to Andhra Pradesh

256. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of natural gas allocated to Andhra Pradesh per day and the details of the industries which are generally the users of this gas; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase this allocation of natural gas so as to promote natural gas-based industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) In the Krishna- Godavari Basin, an allocation of around 16.4 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas has already been made against the current availability of 8-9 MMSCMD to various gas based industries in Andhra Pradesh for power, fertilizer and other small industries like ceramics, paper etc.

(b) No, Sir. In view of (a) above, increase in gas allocation is not contemplated at present.

Redevelopment of Mumbai High

257. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new project launched by ONGC to redevelop Bombay High South offshore oilfield;

(b) the expected oil extraction therefrom; and

(c) by when the production will be boosted from these fields being extracted since 1974?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Mumbai High South Redevelopment Project involves drilling of 144 new wells, 17 new well platforms, one process platform bridge connected to BHS, 245 Km. of sub-sea pipelines and eight clamp on structures. This project is to be completed during 2001-02 to 2006-07.

(b) The expected incremental oil production is 35.95 Million Metric Tonne (MMT).